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Aldermen split, mayor breaks tie to keep license numbers

A 4-4 tie on a vote to increase the number of licenses allowing businesses to sell packaged liquor was broken when Hoopeston Mayor Bill Crusinberry voted against the increase Tuesday night.

The vote was the same as one taken in October when aldermen Joe Fell, Carl Ankenbrand, Randy Carter and Bill McElhaney voted in favor of the increase and Brandon Hamilton, Bill Goodwine, Nancy Stipp and Larry Baughn voted against it.

Crusinberry opted not to break that tie, saying to do so would rewrite the ordinance. Tuesday night, he prefaced his vote by saying if the ordinance is to be changed, he wants a consensus from the council. Also, he said, when someone purchases a business that sells alcohol, they know who their competitors are, based on the number of licenses in each class.

The 5-4 defeat of the measure means Hoopeston Marathon will not get a requested license for hard liquor. Manager Sunny Singh has requested the license for several months. In March, resident Steve Bane presented a petition to the council with more than 600 signatures that asked the council to grant Singh's request.

In other business, the council unanimously approved

the city's Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) summer road program, outlined by engineer Ellen Hedrick. T

his year's program will include resurfacing Main Street from the railroad tracks to Market, including leveling out the intersection; patching streets in areas of water main breaks; and sidewalk work on Bank Street. Estimated cost of the work, including engineering fees, is \$146,647, about half of what the city received in MFT funds, Hedrick said.

The other half will be saved, along with funds for the next couple years, to help pay for the city's next planned
See LICENSE on other side

Tune in at 5 p.m. tonight!
Hoopeston Happenings
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License continued from other side

big project - resurfacing Thompson Avenue - which is slated for 2017, she said.

In other discussion, Mike Streff of Foth Environmental and Infrastructure, updated the council on work on the ground and aerial water storage tanks and sand filters.

One of the city's three sand filters is offline and a sample has been taken and sent to a state laboratory to test for radium 226 and radium 228, he said. Results are slow in coming, possibly because only two labs in the state do such testing.

Officials have previously said that filters being offline will result in more rust in the water system.

The council also unanimously passed the 2014-15 budget, with a surplus of \$2,540. The budget gives employees a two percent raise and includes one-time expenses of \$20,000 for a housing feasibility study and \$25,000 for Christmas lights at McFerren Park.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Crusinberry, who said he will ask the council at the May 20 meeting to approve a referendum asking voters to approve increasing the sales tax by one half of one percent. Money generated by the increase would be used to tear down dilapidated residential and commercial property. "The council will not be imple-

menting this," he said. "The people will be voting on it."

- Approved spending \$5,000 from the 2013-14 façade program budget for Save the Lorraine Foundation's efforts on the Lorraine Theatre. Money will be used for marquee repair and tuck pointing. Alderman Larry Baughn, civic improvement committee chairman, said paint program money will also go to the foundation.

- Approved expanding the golf cart ordinance to allow carts to be driven all year round. Residents who drive carts were asked to reread where carts are allowed to be driven.

- Tabled a planned hike in the garbage fee from \$13 to \$15.

- Heard from Crusinberry that, because of his full time job, he has not yet met with Police Chief Mark Drollinger and Zoning Administrator John Holt about possible issues at the Downtown Motel.

- Heard from Valarie Hinkle, Chamber of Commerce president, about the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus performances on June 15 in the McFerren Park annex.

A group has been formed on Facebook, "Boycott of Circus in Hoopeston IL," asking that the event be canceled. "If not, we will conduct a protest at the event," the

Briefly

Postal carrier food drive

Hoopeston members will participate in the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday. Postal patrons are asked to leave nonperishable food items in bags by their mailboxes Saturday and they will be picked up by letter carriers. Food will be donated to Grant Township food Cupboard.

Swim team signup

The Hoopeston Stingrays Swim Team will hold their final signups on Saturday, May 10th from 9am-11am at Hoopeston City Hall. Swimmers ages 6-18 are invited to join. Parents interested in helping govern, coach, or assist the swim team are also invited to volunteer.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 87. Tonight, thunderstorms likely. Low 63. Tomorrow, thunderstorms likely. High 73, low 55.

Facebook page said.

Hinkle said auxiliary police have already been notified and will be a the circus.

- Heard from Alderman Randy Carter that a recent fundraiser netted \$2,500 for Hoopeston Animal Shelter.

Police News



Christopher Hollis, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an incident at 9:18 p.m. Monday in the 800 block of North Market. He was charged with possession of cannabis under city ordinance and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Ashley McCormick, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:42 p.m. Monday at Sixth Ave. and Sycamore. She was charged with possession of cannabis under city ordinance and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

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